

2013-2014 OFFICEHOLDER EXPENSES

The “**OFFICEHOLDER EXPENSES POLITICAL COMMITTEE**” permits current statewide and legislative officeholders to raise and spend money for officeholder-related expenses. An **officeholder expenses** political committee must be separately organized from a campaign political committee. Officeholder committees require their own separate “Statement of Organization” filed with the office of the Secretary of State. Officeholder transactions must be reported just like a campaign political committee.

- Officeholder Account funds may **not** be used for campaign purposes.
- Officeholder may receive officeholder contributions only from **individuals**.
- Contribution maximum amount from an individual is **\$150.00** per election cycle.
- Officeholders have expense account limits, as per office held (refer to chart below).
- Officeholder may contribute personal monies up to 30% to officeholder accounts (refer to chart below).
- Lobbyists may **not** contribute to officeholder accounts when legislature is in regular session.

Permissible uses of officeholder monies include:

- Office equipment and supplies
- Travel relating to officeholder’s duties
- Meeting or communication with constituents
- Expenses for information and educational purposes
- See A.R.S. §41-133(D) for additional information.

OFFICEHOLDER TRANSACTIONS ARE PERMITTED BETWEEN 11/07/12 THROUGH 04/30/14

THE FOLLOWING CHART FOR **2013-2014** LISTS THE LIMITS THAT MAY BE RAISED FOR EACH OFFICE
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 41-133(A)(2)

2013-2014 OFFICEHOLDER EXPENSE ACCOUNT LIMITS		
A.R.S. § 41-133	Limit	Individuals only
Governor	\$102,980	\$150
Secretary of State	\$54,110	\$150
Attorney General	\$54,110	\$150
Treasurer	\$27,080	\$150
Superintendent of Public Instruction	\$27,080	\$150
Corporation Commission	\$27,080	\$150
Mine Inspector	\$27,080	\$150
Legislature	\$10,320	\$150

ARIZONA REVISED STATUS

41-133. Officeholder expenses; account; reporting; limitations; civil penalty; definition

A. Any person who holds elected statewide public office or a legislative office in this state, whether by election or appointment, may receive or spend monies to defray the costs of performing officeholder duties as follows:

1. An officeholder may receive contributions pursuant to this section only from individuals, and the maximum amount that may be received from an individual during an election cycle is one hundred fifty dollars.
2. The total amount that an officeholder may receive or spend pursuant to this section during an election cycle is ninety-eight thousand three hundred sixty dollars for the governor, fifty-one thousand six hundred eighty dollars for the secretary of state and the attorney general, twenty-five thousand eight hundred forty dollars for all other statewide officeholders and nine thousand eight hundred dollars for a legislator, which may include personal monies as prescribed by paragraph 3 of this subsection. The secretary of state shall adjust this amount biennially as prescribed in section 16-905, subsection H.
3. An officeholder may contribute up to thirty per cent of the limits as prescribed by paragraph 2 of this subsection of the officeholder's personal monies to the officeholder's expense account.

B. For an officeholder's future campaign monies received do not constitute a contribution as defined in section 16-901 if the monies are received, expended and reported as prescribed in this section.

C. An officeholder shall establish a separate account for officeholder expenses, which shall be separate from any candidate campaign account. The officeholder shall file a statement of organization for the account designated as an officeholder expense account. Monies raised or spent for officeholder expenses shall be reported under campaign finance reporting requirements pursuant to title 16, chapter 6, article 1.

D. An officeholder shall not use monies in the officeholder account for campaign purposes. Permissible uses of monies in an officeholder account include the following:

1. Office equipment and supplies.
2. Travel related to the officeholder's duties.
3. Meeting or communicating with constituents.
4. Expenses for informational and educational purposes, including subscriptions to newspapers, magazines or other periodicals or websites or other informational services, membership or participation in community, professional or fraternal organizations and participation in conferences and seminars.

E. An officeholder shall not receive or spend monies from the officeholder account during the period beginning April 30 in an election year, shall complete the purchase or otherwise use the item before April 30 in an election year and shall not spend those monies until after the day of the general election. Any monies remaining in the officeholder expense account beginning April 30 in an election year may not be used except as follows:

1. Paid to the state general fund.
2. For a person who continues to hold office as prescribed in this section, carried forward to an officeholder expense account for another office or term of office, subject to the limitations prescribed by this section.

F. An officeholder shall not transfer officeholder account monies to any other account or committee except for another officeholder account for that same officeholder.

G. Section 41-1234.01 applies to contributions to an officeholder account for legislators.

H. A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of three times any amount improperly received, spent or reported.

I. Section 16-924 applies for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

J. Any monies held by an officeholder pursuant to the officeholder expense account rules established by the citizens clean elections commission are subject to this section, and the citizens clean elections commission has no further authority with respect to those monies.

K. For the purposes of this section, "officeholder" means a person who holds an elected statewide public office or a legislative office in this state, whether by election or appointment.

41-1234.01. Contributions prohibited during session; exceptions

A. While registered under this article, a principal, public body, lobbyist, designated public lobbyist or authorized public lobbyist shall not make or promise to make a campaign contribution to or solicit or promise to solicit campaign contributions for:

1. A member of the legislature when the legislature is in regular session.
2. The governor when the legislature is in regular session or when regular session legislation is pending executive approval or veto.

B. Subsection A only prohibits campaign contributions by principals, lobbyists, designated public lobbyists or authorized public lobbyists and the solicitation of campaign contributions by principals or lobbyists during any time that the legislature is in regular session but does not prohibit principals or lobbyists from raising monies for any other purpose during the regular session of the legislature.

16-915.01. Disposal of surplus monies; transfer of debt

A. A political committee shall dispose of surplus monies only as follows:

1. Retain surplus monies for use in a subsequent election, which includes a transfer by an individual's exploratory committee or a candidate's campaign committee to that individual's subsequent exploratory committee or that candidate's campaign committee designated for a subsequent election.
2. Return surplus monies to the contributor to the extent records are available permitting such return.
3. Contribute surplus monies to the county, state or local committee of a political party.
4. Donate the surplus monies to a charitable organization that qualifies under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code.
5. In the case of a political committee other than an individual's exploratory committee or a candidate's committee, contribute surplus monies to a candidate's campaign committee if the contribution is within the limitations of section 16-905.
6. Donate surplus monies to a political committee other than an individual's exploratory committee or to a candidate's campaign committee.
7. Subject to the restrictions in section 41-133, contribute surplus monies to the individual's officeholder expense account.
8. Dispose of the surplus monies in any other lawful manner.

B. Surplus monies shall not be used for or converted to the personal use of the designating individual, in the case of an individual's exploratory committee, or a candidate, in the case of a candidate's campaign committee, or any person related to the candidate by blood or marriage. Nothing in this subsection precludes the repayment of a loan made by the designating individual or candidate to his campaign.